Rural Employment Guarantee with a view to creating employment generation particularly in the rural area. The Ministry of Home Affairs has also issued guidelines in January 2005 for making 40% recruitment in the Central Police Forces from the militancy/naxalism affected and border areas.

(c) The other steps being taken by the Government to tackle the naxal problem include strengthening of intelligence set-up at the state fevel, modernizing the state police forces in terms of equipment, training and infrastructure, undertaking effective and sustained intelligence driven police action agaisnt naxalites and their infrastructure individually and jointly by the States and accelerating socio-economic development in the naxal affected areas.

Construction of road at India-China border

3439. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the light of agreement between India and China in 2003, Government have decided to construct 608 km. Road on the Indo-China border;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the purpose of the construction of this road is also to provide infrastructural facilities besides the security viewpoint of the border is to encourage the trade between India and China;

(c) whether it is a fact that 27 link roads of different States are also to be constructed under the said road project;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the States where this road is to be constructed in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (e) The Govemment proposes to undertake construction of 27 road links totaling approximately 608 kms along India-China border in the States of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh. The construction of these roads would provide better road connectivity to the forces as also promote trade in specified areas leading to overall development of the area.